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TAGS: PREL, QVP (SCOWCROFT, BRENT), CH, US
SUBJECT: CHINESE OFFICIALS AND LOCAL CONTACTS UPRATE
-- ON RESULTS OF VISIT BY NATIONAL SECURITY
ADVISOR SCOWCROFT AND DEPUTY SECRETARY
EAGLEBURGER

1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN MEETINGS THIS WEEK WITH OFFICIAL AND
NON-OFFICIAL CHINESE CONTACTS, EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE
HEARD OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE REACTIONS TO LAST
WEEKEND'S VISIT BY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR SCOWCROFT
AND DEPUTY SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
AT THE MFA, OTHER MINISTRIES, THINK TANKS, AND EVEN
LOCAL MERCHANTS HAVE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS
VISIT FOR BEGINNING THE RESTORATION OF SINO-U.S.
RELATIONS.

3. REACTIONS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS: INDICATIVE OF
THE POSITIVE FEELING BY CHINESE OFFICIALS WERE COMMENTS
MADE BY MIDDLE-LEVEL OFFICIALS DECEMBER 13 AND 14 AT
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DURING SUSTANTIVE MEETINGS ON
SUBJECTS OTHER THAN SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. ALL REFERRED
TO THE TRIP AS A "SINCERELY-EXCHANGED STEP" BY THE
PRESIDENT, AND STATED TO ASSURE EHOFFS THAT THERE
WOULD BE A RESPECTFUL AND CHINESE SIDE IN A MEETING
THIS WEEK. [REDACTED] OPENED TALKS
WITH ECON MINCOUNS BY SAYING, "NOW THAT RELATIONS ARE
BACK ON TRACK. . ." AN OFFICIAL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOLD ECONOFF ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, THAT
"ALL OF US HERE HAVE BEEN WATCHING THE TELEVISION OVER
THE WEEKEND AND ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS
DEVELOPMENT."

4. THINK TANK EXPERTS PRAISE VISIT: [REDACTED]
EASTERN EUROPEAN SPECIALISTS AT THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF
EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP PLEASURE
ABOUT THE VISIT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR IMPROVED
SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. THEY SAID THE U.S. HAD CLEARLY
MADE THE FIRST MOVE, AND NOW CHINA MUST MAKE AN
APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. [REDACTED] AKNOWLEDGED
THE POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES FOR PRESIDENT BUSH RESULTING

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FROM NEGATIVE REACTION IN THE UNITED STATES. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SAID THAT RECENT EDITIONS OF [REDACTED]
MATERIALS CIRCULATED BY THE CHINESE LEVEL PARTY
ESPECIALLY, HAVE CONTAINED MANY ARTICLES FROM [REDACTED]
CRITICAL OF THE SCOWCROFT VISIT.

5. MORE [REDACTED] REACTION: ASKED HOW THE CHINESE
"MAN IN THE STREET" VIEWS THE VISIT, THEY SAID THAT,
WITH VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS, CHINESE WHO CARE ABOUT THE
BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE RELATIONS
MOVE BACK TOWARDS NORMALIZATION. [REDACTED] WENT ON
TO SAY THAT, ALTHOUGH MANY CHINESE MAY BE UNHAPPY WITH
THE JUNE 3-4 CRACKDOWN, ITS AFTERMATH, AND THE CURRENT
REGIME'S POLICIES, THERE EXISTS A DEEP TRADITIONAL
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF CHINA AND THE UNITED
STATES. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, THEY SAID, MANY CHINESE
PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THAT IMPROVED SINO-U.S. RELATIONS MEAN
MORE INTELLECTUAL EXCHANGES AND ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL
TIES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID THEY BELIEVE MOST CHINESE KNOW THAT
CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. CAN ONLY RESULT IN
FURTHER REFORMS AT HOME AND A BETTER ECONOMIC SITUATION
FOR EVERYONE, NOTWITHSTANDING ATTEMPTS FROM WITHIN TO
BLOCK REFORMS.

6. PRIVATE REACTION: MERCHANTS ON A BUSY DOWNTOWN
THOROUGHFARE COMMENTED POSITIVELY ON THE VISIT DURING A
CHAT WITH EHOFFS EARLY THIS WEEK. ONE SAID,
"RELATIONS BETWEEN US ARE GOOD NOW, RIGHT?"

7. A COMMENT FROM THE PROVINCES: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOLD SCIENCE MINCOUNS ON DECEMBER 9 THAT HE
WAS "VERY GLAD" TO HEAR OF THE VISIT, WHICH IS AN
"AUSPICIOUS STEP" IN RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE

UNITED STATES.

8. EMBASSY OPERATIONS: SOME EMBASSY OPERATIONS HAVE
ALSO BEEN EFFECTED POSITIVELY BY THE VISIT. THE
ECON ECU SECTION REPORTS THAT [REDACTED] PREVIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN
GETTING APPOINTMENTS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICES HAVE EASED
THIS WEEK. MOREOVER, THE SECTION'S TOP INTERNATIONAL
VISITOR PROGRAM [REDACTED] CANDIDATE, WHO EARLIER INFORMED
US HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO TRAVEL THIS YEAR, TOLD ECON
MINCOUNS ON DECEMBER 13 HE WOULD [REDACTED] TRAVEL
TO THE U.S. AS PROPOSED.

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